GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:18.07.2002
DEFICIENCIES IN BILLING SYSTEM OF DD
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether 45 agencies against whom Rs. 33,445.84 lakhs are due for years, are being allowed to telecast programmes on Doordarshan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether C.A.G. has pointed out several deficiencies in billing system of Doordarshan,which are having adverse effect on its earnings;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 79 FOR ANSWE
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(a) to (d): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (C&AG) in its Report for the year ended March 2001, Union Government (Civil) (Transaction Audit Observation-No. 2 of 2002) has referred to systemic deficiencies and proceduralapses in the billing practise of commercial programmes of Doordarshan. It has highlighted that Rs. 33445.84 lakhs is outstanding against 45 agencies. The Report of the C&AG has been tabled in the House. The details of the Report are available to the public, on the website of C&AG.

(e): The Report of the C&AG is under examination of the Ministry in consultation with Prasar Bharati.